

Site Cleanup Subaccount Program (SCAP)

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The Site Cleanup Subaccount Program (SCAP) is a new funding program established by SB 445 (Hill, 2014) allowing the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to issue grants for projects that remediate the harm or threat of harm to human health, safety, or the environment caused by existing or threatened surface or groundwater contamination.

The table below summarizes the SCAP program. More information on this and other funding programs is available at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/

WHAT ARE THE FUNDING PROGRAM DETAILS?

	SB 445 Site Cleanup Subaccount Program
PROGRAM FUNDING	Annual appropriations with \$19.5 Million Anticipated FY 2015/2016
FUNDING MECHANISMS	Grants
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	Applicants with eligible projects
ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remediate harm or threat to human health, safety, and the environment from surface or groundwater contamination • Regulatory agency has issued a directive, unless infeasible • Responsible Party lacks financial resources
PRIORITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant threat to human health or the environment • Disadvantaged or small community impact • Cost and environmental benefit of project • Lack of availability of alternate funding source(s) • Other State Water Board considerations
CONTAMINANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human-made contaminants
SCHEDULE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Workshops – May/June 2015 • Final Grant Application – August 2015 • First Round Solicitation/Review – Fall/Winter 2015/16 • State Water Board Consideration of Project List – Winter 2016 • First Round Grant Agreements – 2016

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THE SCAP GRANTS?

- Unlike most other funding programs, SCAP grants do not require that the grant applicant is a public agency, public utility, non-profit organization, tribe, or mutual water company.
- Documentation is required to show the responsible party lacks resources to implement the project.
- Documentation is required to show whether there are potential sources of funding other than SCAP grants, which may include resources of the grant applicant.
- A grant applicant who is not the responsible party must document the ability to legally access property to implement the project.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Applicants seeking funding from either SCAP or the new Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability Program will be able to apply using a single pre-application for both funding programs. State Water Board staff will evaluate pre-applications and determine which program, if any, is the most appropriate for each project; and, therefore, applicants do not need to designate a funding program preference. Applicants whose pre-application is successful will be invited to submit a final application, either for Proposition 1 Groundwater Sustainability or Site Cleanup Subaccount, or may be advised to apply for another potential source of funds.

Groundwater Quality Funding applications will be accepted online through the Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST):
<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/>

HOW ARE PROJECTS RANKED?

Currently there are no ranking criteria other than existing requirements in law. The State Water Board may choose to select certain projects for funding over other projects if there are insufficient funds to fund all projects during the fiscal year or over the life of the program.

WHAT IF I NEED HELP WITH MY APPLICATION?

Contact information is shown below.

FAAST tutorials will be available online: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/videos/faast.shtml>

If your community has a hardship, technical assistance providers may be available to assist with electronic submittal.

HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED?

Website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/

Get Email Alerts:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

“Groundwater Quality Funding Assistance”

HOW CAN I CONTACT THE STATE WATER BOARD?

Email: : gwquality.funding@waterboards.ca.gov

Message phone: 1-800-813-Fund (3863)